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SENT VIA EMAIL

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RECEIPT OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Dear Mr. Pfeiffer:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your July 11, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. You requested the following:

“Records--including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, minutes of conversations, provided evidence, meeting records, etc.-produced in relation to or bearing on the following FOIA requests and the decision of NNSA FOIA officers not to grant my requested fee status in these requests; to assign me commercial fee status; and those records created in the process of appeal especially (but not limited to) including communications from NNSA personnel to the Office of Hearing and Appeals. Please be sure to include records produced in response to my appeal including communications and records provided to the Office of Hearing and Appeals (and vice versa). The requests were originally assigned the following control numbers: Request Nos. FOIA-19-00232-EW, FOIA-19-00237-EW, FOIA-19-00231-DD, FOIA-19-00234-M. The OHA assigned them the following OHA Case Nos. FIA-19-0020, FIA-19-0021, FIA-19-0022, FIA-19-0023.”

Your request was received in this office on July 16, 2019. It is the practice of the National Nuclear Security Administration, in accordance with Departmental policy, to process FOIA requests in the approximate order of the date received by this office. Your request is out for a search for responsive records. A number of requests received prior to yours are pending, and your request will be processed in turn. We will make every effort to respond to your request as quickly as possible. Although we are committed to responding to your request in a timely manner, we estimate that we will not be able to respond to your request in 20 working days. We

need more time to complete the search, review the record(s) for release, and prepare the response to you, as some requests, depending upon the volume of records, the complexity of the search, and/or the sensitivity of the subject matter, require additional time to complete. Reformulating or otherwise narrowing the scope of your request may result in a quicker processing time.

In your FOIA request, you identified yourself in the educational/scientific category for fee purposes. Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.2(c) we are requesting additional information in order to determine your fee category. Please provide an explanation to us regarding the intended use of the records you are requesting. If we do not receive a response regarding your intended use of the records by July 30, 2019, we will consider your request withdrawn and will close it with no further action.

You may contact the NNSA's FOIA Public Liaison/FOIA Officer, Office of the General Counsel, at 1(866)747-5994, or by mail at Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of the General Counsel, PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185, for further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202)741-5770; toll free at 1(877)684-6448; or facsimile at (202)741-5769.

If you have questions concerning the processing of this request, please contact me by e-mail at Delilah.Perez@nnsa.doe.gov, or write to the address above. Please reference Control Number FOIA 19-00275-M in your communication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Delilah Perez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Delilah Perez
Government Information Specialist